



Meeting Notes

Housing Focus Group Meeting

9:00 a.m. – Wednesday, June 10, 2009

APS Conference Room, 101 West Cherry Ave, Flagstaff, AZ

1. Welcome and Introductions
Meeting was called to order by Chair Brad Dixon at 8:30 a.m.

In attendance:

Ed Larsen, City of Flagstaff
Jose Dominguez
Duffie Westheimer
Neil Gullickson
Karen Goodwin
Davonna McLaughlin
Rick Natenberg
Mark Swyers, City of Flagstaff

Georgia Duncan
Laura Myers
Kathi Clark
Art Babbitt
Kara Kelty
Stephanie Boardman
Amy Smith
Erika Mazza, City of Flagstaff

2. Recap of Focus Group Purpose

Mr. Dixon updated the Group on the discussion of the last meeting and informed them that they were to discuss the key issues identified and decide how to categorize them. These were categorized in the following groups:

RESOLVED ISSUES:

1. Various Options
 - Community desires
 - As reflected through Regional plan
2. Walk able neighborhoods (other trans, multi modal)
3. Putting residential (mixed use)
 - "existing" community areas
 - Restrictions (ie. Parking)
4. Emergency housing – easier processing
5. Incentives – clear & concise
6. Proposition 207
7. Senior Housing with options (asst living)

FURTHER DISCUSSION:

1. Housing affordability – work force (owner/rental)
2. Community desires (what are they?) – density (where housing is & should be in future)
3. Developers options (ADU's, flexible)
4. Encourage owner occupied (rentals) through design, "policy"
5. Transitional housing
6. P.M.O.
7. Rio Project – Southside
8. "McMansions" conversion
9. Rethink planned options

NOT APPLICABLE:

1. Healthy networking
2. No inclusionary zoning
3. Building code issues

NEW ITEMS:

1. Housing "scalable" to neighborhood. McMansions
2. Tools in regulatory document
3. New ideas for incentives
4. Infill (tear down policy)
5. Affordable – resource protection (lot coverage)
6. Integration of policy (affordable)

Mr. Dixon asked the Group to focus on the issues identified and to review and rate the top five (5) issues before the next meeting.

3. Other Business:

Ms. Mazza was asked to provide the website where they might be able to view the City's Housing Set Aside Resolution of 2001. This link is: <http://flagstaff.az.gov/index.aspx?NID=1464>

The Group was informed that other information on the various focus groups could be found on the City's website.

4. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 24, 2009, 8:30 a.m.
5. Adjournment at 10:00 a.m.